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FM COMCFLCC DOHA KUWAIT KU//C1/C3//

TO RUEADWD/DA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO-SS/DAMA-OD//

RUFDAVC/CDRVCORPS HEIDELBERG GE

RUEAPFP/CDR101STABN DIV AASLT FT CAMPBELL KY

RUERSWA/CDR3DINFDIV FT STEWART GA

RUFDBJA/CDR173ABNBDE VICENZA IT

RUERBFA/COMMCEN FT HOOD TX//4THINFDIV//

RUEACEA/CDRAVNRGDIV FT SHERIDAN IL//244THAVN/S3//

RUERHNA/COMMCEN FT BRAGG NC//82DABNDIV//

RUERNOK/COMMCEN FT SILL OK//75THFABDE//

ZEN/COMFLCC DOHA KUWAIT KU//C3 AVN//

ZEN/CDR377THTSC DOHA KUWAIT KU//3D PERSCOM/3D TAMCA//

ZEN/CDR 3D MEDCOM DOHA KUWAIT KU

INFO RUEASRT/COMCFLCC HQS FT MCPHERSON GA//WATCH//

RUCAACC/CDR USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL

RUEHDO/COMUSARCENT QA//DEPCDR/CFSOCC//

RUCADHQ/USCENTCOM FWD

RUEORYK/COMUSARCENT SA

ZEN/COMUSARCENT KU

ZEN/COMCFLCC DOHA KUWAIT KU//352 CACOM/52DORDGPEOD//

ZEN/CG 32D AAMDC DOHA KUWAIT KU

ZEN/CDR416TH ENCOM DOHA KUWAIT KU

ZEN/CDR513THMIBDE DOHA KUWAIT KU

ZEN/CDR335THSIGCMD DOHA KUWAIT KU

ZEN/AMC LSE SWA DOHA KUWAIT KU

RUEASRB/CDRFORSCOM FT MCPHERSON GA

RHRMEAN/CJFMCC CENT

RUEASRB/CDR52DORDGPEOD FT GILLEM GA

RUFDWBN/CDR3DCOSCOM WIESBADEN AB GE

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OPER/IRAQI FREEDOM//

MSGID/GENADMIN/COMCFLCC DOHA KUWAIT KU//DDM//

SUBJ/DELEGATION OF WARTIME AWARDS APPROVAL AUTHORITY-OIF//

REF/A/MSG/HQDA/271911ZMAR//

REF/B/DOC/AR 600-8-22/YMD:19950225//

RMKS/1. REF 1A, US ARMY WARTIME AWARDS APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR THE SILVER STAR MEDAL (SS) AND LESSER DECORATIONS (EXCEPT THE LEGION OF MERIT) HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO THE COMMANDER, COALITION FORCES LAND COMPONENT COMMAND (COMCFLCC).

2. FOR ARMY WARTIME AWARDS APPROVAL PURPOSES, THE AREA OF OPERATIONS IS DEFINED AS THE COUNTRIES OF IRAQ, KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN AND EGYPT. THIS DEFINITION MAY CHANGE AS THE SITUATION DICTATES.

3. IAW REF 1B, AUTHORITY TO APPROVE SPECIFIC AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS IS FURTHER DELEGATED TO THE FOLLOWING:

3.A. COMMANDER V CORPS: SILVER STAR AND BELOW (EXCEPT THE LEGION OF MERIT). COMMANDERS 3D CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 3D COSCOM, 101ST AIRBORNE

DIVISION, 3D INFANTRY DIVISION, 377TH THEATER SUPPORT COMMAND, 416TH ENGINEER COMMAND AND 335TH SIGNAL COMMAND: PURPLE HEART (PH), BRONZE STAR MEDAL (BSM) WITH "V" DEVICE, AIR MEDAL (AM) WITH "V" DEVICE, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ARCOM) WITH "V" DEVICE, COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE (CIB) AND COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE (CMB) FOR SOLDIERS DEPLOYED IN THEIR AREA OF OPERATION (AOR). FURTHER DELEGATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

3.B. SEPARATE ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL AND COLONEL-LEVEL COMMANDERS (DOES NOT INCLUDE COLONELS SERVING AS COMMANDERS OF JOINT TASK FORCES OR OTHER JOINT UNITS) OPERATING IN THE AREA OF OPERATION; COMMANDERS OF 32D ARMY AIR MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND, 352D CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMAND, 513TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE, 75TH INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION BRIGADE, 204TH AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES GROUP, 244TH AVIATION BRIGADE, 173D AIRBORNE INFANTRY BRIGADE: ARCOM WITH "V" DEVICE FOR SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO THEIR COMMAND. FURTHER DELEGATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

3.C. COMMANDERS REFERENCE IN 3A, COMMANDER, 32D ARMY AIR MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND, COMMANDER, 352D CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMAND, AND COMMANDER, 3D CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND HAVING TROOPS COMMITTED TO THE COMBAT OPERATION AND HOSPITAL COMMANDERS (NOT FIELD HOSPITALS) RECEIVING CASUALTIES MAY AWARD THE PURPLE HEART (PH) TO SOLDIERS WHO ARE WOUNDED OR KILLED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION. IF CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT KNOWN, COMMANDERS WILL TAKE ACTION TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM THE EVACUATION HOSPITAL OR MILITARY UNIT PRIOR TO AWARDING THE PH. IF UNSUCCESSFUL, COMMANDERS WILL CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE CASUALTY OPERATIONS CENTER FOR CONFIRMATION.

3.D. APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR UNITS NOT COVERED IN PARAGRAPHS 3A, 3B AND 3C ABOVE IS COMCFLCC.

3.E. SOLDIERS MEDAL (SM) AND ABOVE AWARD APPROVAL AUTHORITY IS RETAINED BY COMCFLCC. COMMANDERS WILL FORWARD THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMCFLCC FOR FURTHER PROCESSING.

4. THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM) AND ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (AAM) ARE PEACETIME AWARDS AND WILL NOT BE AWARDED FOR SERVICE IN THE THEATER OF OPERATION, ONCE WARTIME CONDITIONS COMMENCE.

5. COMCFLCC IS ALSO DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AWARD THE SS AND LESSER DECORATIONS (EXCEPT THE LEGION OF MERIT) TO MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES OF FRIENDLY FOREIGN NATIONS IN THE GRADES OF COLONEL AND BELOW. THIS AUTHORITY WILL ALSO BE RETAINED BY THE COMCFLCC. ALL COMMANDS WILL FORWARD THESE AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMCFLCC FOR PROCESSING TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES ARE RECEIVED FROM RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES AND THE PROVISIONS OF DOD 1348.33-M ARE4 MET. TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE MILITARY AWARDS PROGRAM, SPECIAL CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED SO THAT MILITARY DECORATIONS FOR MERITORIOUS AND VALOROUS ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE ARE ONLY APPROVED FOR THOSE SOLDIERS WHO TRULY DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES FROM AMONG THEIR COMRADES BY EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN COMBAT OR IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF COMBAT OPERATIONS.//

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6. COMCFLCC RETAINS APPROVAL AUTHORITY OF AWARDS TO SISTER SERVICES. ALL COMMANDS WILL FORWARD THESE AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMCFLCC FOR PROCESSING OF THE APPROPRIATE CONCURRENCES FROM THE RESPECTIVE BRANCHES.
7. REF 1A AND 1B DETAIL THE SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF THE CIB AND CMB; THE AWARD OF THE CIB AND CMB FALL UNDER THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM, THEREFORE, ONLY ONE AWARD OF THE CIB OR CMB IS AUTHORIZED FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. FOR EXAMPLE, A SOLDIER WHO EARNED A CIB OR CMB FOR OEF WILL NOT BE AWARDED A SECOND ONE FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ. COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS GUIDANCE.
8. AWARDS APPROVAL AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING AND ISSUING OF MEDAL SETS AND BADGES. CERTIFICATES FOR THE AIR MEDAL AND ABOVE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM CFLCC C1.
9. WARTIME APPROVAL AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED FOR 180 DAYS POST HOSTILITIES ONLY WHILE THE COMMANDER IS PHYSICALLY DEPLOYED IN THEATER. ONCE THE COMMANDER DEPARTS THE AOR, DELEGATION WILL BE REVOKED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE ALL AWARDS WITHIN 90 DAYS. AFTER 90 DAYS, ALL AWARDS WILL BE FORWARDED TO CFLCC-C1.
10. APPROVED AWARDS MUST BE ACCURATELY CAPTURED FOR HISTORICAL AND POLICY EVALUATION PURPOSES. DESIGNATED APPROVAL AUTHORITIES WILL FORWARD AN INITIAL REPORT OF ALL APPROVED AWARDS AND BADGES BY TYPE AND CATEGORY (VALOR, SERVICE OR ACHIEVEMENT), DUE TO CFLCC-C1 NLT 011200ZJUN03 COVERING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF 18 MAR 03 THROUGH 31 MAY 03. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.
11. DUE TO EVER CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, THIS AUTHORITY WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY 30 DAYS. FURTHER DELEGATION WILL BE AUTHORIZED IF DEEMED NECESSARY.
12. A FOLLOW-ON MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ON AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN MEDALS, PROCESSING CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT, ASSAULT LANDING CREDIT, UNIT AWARDS, AWARDS TO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, AWARDS TO MEMBERS OF OTHER U.S. SERVICES AND FOREIGN AWARDS TO U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL. COMMANDERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REFERENCE 1B ARE FOLLOWED AND STRICTLY ENFORCED.
13. POC IS CPT THERESA ELLISON, CFLCC-C1 CHIEF OF AG OPS AT DSN 318-438-7256, EMAIL: EFELLISON@SWA.ARCENT.ARMY.SMIL.MIL OR RICKY ALLEN AT DSN 312-367-4146, E-MAIL: EFALLEN@ARCENT.ARMY.SMIL.MIL, 3D U.S. ARMY AWARDS BRANCH CHIEF.//

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